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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 1, beginning on line 3, and ending at line 5 as follows:

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/001,016 filed December 30, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,263,233, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/650,684 filed May 20, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,788,639, which claims the priority benefit of co-pending provisional application, Serial No. 60/001,141, filed July 13, 1995.

In the Claims:

Please rewrite Claims 27 and 34 as follows:

27. (amended) A microscopic imaging apparatus for imaging tissue samples for pathological applications through an objective lens, said apparatus comprising:  
an objective lens;

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